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SYDNEY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1906.

SUMMARY.

Two thousand Sherifian troops, badly equipped, are outside Tanager, supported by 1000 cavalry.

Railall, the Governor of the Tanager district, is concentrating his forces at Shah.

He has refused to communicate with Gubbins, the Minister for War.

Railall has also refused to supply the customary tribal contingent to the army, and provisions.

Mr. K. H. Hardie says the Liberals are taking credit for the reforms the Labour party forced on Parliament.

The date of the elections for the Russian Duma have been fixed for February 15.

Printing works in Moscow are to be closed if they print electoral notices of constitutional democrats.

The St. Petersburg Liberal press denounces the "ruthless persecution of opponents of the Government."

A youth fired four revolver shots at Count Ignatieff. The assassin was captured.

Legal courts-martial in Russia executed 57 people in the past week.

Liberal papers emphasize the failure of sanguinary repression to deter terrorists.

A grand jury in New York State has refused to indict a man for murdering his wife's adviser.

The refusal was based on the unwritten law that a husband does not err in committing such a deed.

The lawyers defending Harry Thaw are preparing a similar defence.

It is reported in Peking that America will refund the unpaid balance of the Boxer indemnity of £4,400,000.

China's Customs revenue this year is a record.

The French Minister for Labour is to introduce a bill concerning the suffrage on women.

A German paper reports that the Berscha Botschats are showing signs of unrest.

Great anxiety is evinced in Berlin at the news.

President Roosevelt has opened a fund for the famine stricken in China.

A railway collision in North Dakota resulted in the death of 25 people.

The accompaniment of the Queen of Spain is expected in April.

King Alfonso has ordered a three days' Court festival to be held at Christmas.

Dawson, conceding 4000 in 18,000, defeated Weiss in a billiard match by 21-24.

Miss Nellie Stewart is recovering from an operation for the removal of a tumour from the shoulder.

The Federal Council of Brunswick is to consider the question of the succession of the Duke of Cumberland and his sons.

The "Daily Mail" says that a Canadian will be appointed to the staff of Mr. James Bygon.

The observatory at Lathach, Austria, has recorded earthquakes 472 and 6250 miles distant.

A violent earthquake is reported from Copal, Russian Turkistan. The quake lasted a minute and a half.

It is stated that Mr. James Bygon had serious differences with Sir Anthony Macdonnell regarding the devolution scheme.

Mr. Bygon wished to go further than Sir Anthony Macdonnell in governing in accordance with Irish ideas.

A fourth dreadnought is to be built by Sir William Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Several of the Carr's guards have been arrested at Tanager, where the Imperial Majesty is now in residence.

The R.M.S. Orontes arrived at Adelaide yesterday.

Five mails, dated London, November 25, will reach Sydney in time for delivery to-morrow afternoon.

The Tambo, which took the first detachment of deported kanakas, returned from the islands yesterday.

The captain reports that the British Resident in exercising close supervision over the loading of kanakas.

Each steamer is boarded by the officers of the Prometheus, and the native passengers and quarters are carefully inspected.

The Prometheus then cruises in the wake of the steamers, supervising the landing operations.

Both French and English Commissioners report to the returning kanakas the new Convention as it affects them.

The Rev. Morley Standish, aged 67, of the Bishop of Morley, died at Guadalupe yesterday morning.

The Lands Department have in hand a second dredge subdivision.

It will be of 12,000 acres in the parishes of All Saints, Morley, and Pymby.

A third township and suburban division has been made, and the blocks will be offered at auction on January 12.

There was no business in the Supreme Court yesterday, and legal work will be at a standstill until after Boxing Day.

A memorial service in connection with the death of Principal Ratny was held yesterday in St. Stephen's Church.

A total of 1,985,138 acres was selected under the Crown Lands Acts from January 1 to December 15.

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The manager of the Mount Lyell Company refused to negotiate with the unionists on the wages question.

He said they represented an association which in turn represented a minority of the employees.

The men have now decided that a non-statement delegation shall wait on Mr. Rich on behalf of the employees generally.

The Directors of the New Wylie Creek Tin Dredging Company have declared their 14th dividend of 2d per share.

Division of 10s, Refractory and Zenda have been allotted top weight (12 lbs) in the A.J.C. Handicap.

The body, which is apparently increasing in numbers, is causing much trouble in the Dargak district.

Laurel Stephens, 13, cook, died at Homely, yesterday. He has not yet been identified.

A store at White Creek owned by Mrs. Bedell was destroyed by fire on Saturday night.

The butchers' trouble at Broken Hill has ended, the men having accepted the masters' terms.

The trouble in the bakery trade is also likely to be settled.

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Miss A. M. Keating, school teacher, of Woodstock, dropped dead in the streets of Hobart yesterday.

The official declaration of the Richmond poll was—Ewing, 692; Sutton, 180; informal, 512.

Only 22 per cent of the people on the poll turned the franchise.

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—Shakespeare (slightly altered).

TO-DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

TO-MORROW.

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Good falls of rain are reported from a great many stations in the interior.

The cricket match, Victoria v New South Wales, the former made 159, and the latter has lost two wickets for 120.

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DEATHS.

LITCHFIELD—December 24, 1906, at her residence, 100, Pitt-st., Sydney, Mrs. Mary Litchfield, aged 84 years. Deceased for some time. Buried at the General Cemetery, Sydney.

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PEACE PROSPECTS.

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who most enjoy the "holiday temper"

will be least of all aware by what

strange psychology or what fortuitous

aggregation of atoms in the mystery of

digestion we have become possessed of it.

Future Public Works.—The Premier's

dream of economising by restricting the

fees of the Public Works Committee has

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RUSSIA.

THE DUMA ELECTIONS.

GOVERNMENT REPRESS OPPOSITION.

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The printing works in Moscow have been warned that they will be closed if they print electoral notices of constitutional democrats.

The liberal press of St. Petersburg is denouncing the "ruthless persecution of opponents of the Government, and the liquidation of elections."

MURDER OF COUNT IGATIEFF.

DEGREE OF TERRORISTS.

LONDON, Dec. 23. Count Alexis Ignatieff, who was murdered in the Zemstvo Hall at Tver, Central Russia, was sitting with other members in the refreshment room of the hall, when a youth fired four revolver shots.

Count Ignatieff's colleagues in the Zemstvo pursued the assassin, who attempted to commit suicide. He was captured.

Reuter's Agency learns that the assassin of Count Alexis Ignatieff has declared that in committing the murder he was executing the resolution of the extreme revolutionary committee to assassinate the most exalted people in Russia.

CONVERTS TO CONSERVATISM.

REVOLUTIONARIES' REVENGE.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that the Zemstvo of Tver has hitherto been the most radical in Russia, but recently it became conservative, and elected reactionaries like Count Ignatieff. Hence the vengeance of the revolutionaries.

SANGUINARY REPRESSION.

A WEEK'S WORK.

Field courts-martial in Russia executed 67 people in the past week. During the same period there have been 43 political outrages.

Liberal newspapers emphasize the failure of sanguinary repression to deter terrorists.

CAZAR'S GUARDS ARRESTED.

Several of the Czar's Guards have been arrested at Tsarskoe, where his Imperial Majesty is now in residence.

THE EDUCATION FIASCO.

DR. BOURNE THANKS NATIONALISTS.

LONDON, Dec. 24. Dr. Bourne, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, has thanked Mr. J. Redmond, leader of the Nationalists, and his followers, for their efforts to rescue the schools from the jeopardy in which the Government's proposals placed them.

GERMAN COLONIAL TROUBLES.

FRESH UNREST IN AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 24. The "Tatliche Rundschau," of Berlin, reports that the Berseba Hottentots, on the upper reaches of the Great Fish River in German South-west Africa, are showing signs of unrest. They mustered 600 men, armed with rifles.

Great anxiety is exhibited at Berlin at the news.

RELIEF FOR CHINA.

AMERICAN FAMINE FUND.

LONDON, Dec. 24. President Roosevelt has opened a fund for the famine-stricken in Southern China. He proposes that Government transports should convey food to China.

TURKEY'S PROVINCES.

VIENNA ADVOCATES AUTONOMY.

LONDON, Dec. 24. The "Freidenblatt," of Vienna, in an article which is interpreted as distinctly making for peace, declares that the maintenance of the present state of anarchy in Austria proves impossible autonomy on a national basis must take its place.

Autonomy, the same newspaper writes, must also be established in Macedonia, in contrast to all expectation, the work of reform fails.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKESTAN.

RECORDED IN EUROPE.

LONDON, Dec. 24. A violent earthquake is reported from Copal, Russian Turkestan. The quake lasted a minute and a half.

The observatory at Ljubich, Austria, recorded an earthquake on Saturday at a distance of 4375 miles, continuing in a south-east direction, and another earthquake on Sunday, 6250 miles distant. Similar records were made in Italy and at the Isle of Wight.

THE RAND SEATS.

PARTIES OF CANDIDATES.

LONDON, Dec. 24. For the 34 seats which have been allotted to the Rand under the Constitution of the Transvaal there are 24 Progressive candidates, 12 of the National party, 11 candidates of the Labour party, 9 of the Afrikaner, and 21 of the declared party, though of the last the majority incline to the Progressive cause.

GERMAN MEAT SUPPLY.

IMPORTATION FROM AMERICA.

LONDON, Dec. 23. The members of the American Tariff Commission are visiting Berlin for the purpose of discussing the importation of live cattle at Hamburg, where they could be slaughtered, and thence conveyed in railway refrigerator cars throughout the country.

It is expected that the Hamburg shippers and the Municipal Council will erect the necessary buildings.

DEVOLUTION IN IRELAND.

MR. BRYCE TOO ADVANCED.

LONDON, Dec. 24. It is stated that Mr. James Bryce, late Chief Secretary for Ireland, had serious differences of opinion with Sir Anthony MacDonnell, his Under-Secretary, concerning the proposed devolution scheme for Ireland. Mr. Bryce wished to go further than Sir Anthony MacDonnell in governing in accordance with Irish ideas.

Sir Anthony MacDonnell was unable to agree to the proposal of Mr. Bryce to give the Nationalists control of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

WAR IN MOROCCO.

PRECAUTIONS OF SULTAN'S FORCES.

LONDON, Dec. 23. Two thousand Sherifian troops, heavily equipped, are outside Tangier, supported by 1000 cavalry.

Railways, the Governor of the Tangier district, is concentrating his forces at Zilah.

The Sherifian (Sultan of Morocco's) forces, which propose to operate against Ransail, are ranged and half starving. They are encamped in a safe spot with the wall of Tangier between them and Ransail's men.

Ransail has refused to communicate with Guebba, the Minister for War. Ransail has also refused to supply the customary tribute contingent to the army and provisions.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 24. A train on the railway from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Saint Paul, Minnesota, came into collision with another train at Englehart, North Dakota. The train was derailed, and 25 people were killed.

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